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Application Number	09/489,784 ✓
Filing Date	January 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	MOHROR, Robert Alvin
Art Unit	1638 ✓
Examiner Name	FOX, David T.
Attorney Docket Number	P04345US00

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- b. ☐ Other _____

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- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 26-0084
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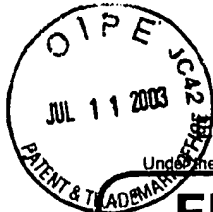
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Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Examiner Name	Fox, David T.
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Attorney Docket No.	P04345US00

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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Deposit Account Number: 26-0084

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE		Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375			Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165			Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260			Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375			Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80			Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)							(\$ 0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims: -20** = X =

Independent Claims: -3** = X =

Multiple Dependent: =

<u>Large Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fee Description</u>
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES		Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130			Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55			Extension for reply within first month	110.00
1252	410	2252	205			Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465			Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160			Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140			Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235			Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315			Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808	180	1808	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750.00
1802	900	1802	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)							
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APPLICANT : **MOHROR, Robert A.**
SERIAL NO : 09/489,784
FILED : January 24, 2000
TITLE : **HYBRID MAIZE PLANT AND SEED 31R88**

Grp./A.U. : 1638
Examiner : **FOX, David T.**
Conf. No. : 6271
Docket No. : P04345USO

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated February 11, 2003, a Final Rejection, and an Advisory Action dated June 9, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) be entered and made of record. It is believed that the following amendments and remarks place the application in the form for allowance, or at least, place the claims in a better form for Appeal. No new matter is presented, as such the Amendment is proper under 35 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application.

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